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George Washington

"The great Republic had its birth That hour beneath the Army's wing,

Whose leader taught by native worth

The man is grander than the King."—Wallace Bruce.

There never has been a time since the days of the great comprehensive Washington when it was not good for us to remember him and his preeminent character and to treasure the memory of the part he and our ancestors bore in their united struggle for National Independence.

It is well that this day, (the 22. of February) has been set apart as a national holiday for the purpose of refreshing our minds and showing our deep sense of the value and importance of their achievements.

It is well to remember it with thanks to the Giver of all good gifts, to the Ruler of the destinies of nations, from whose wisdom George Washington and the patriots received guidance and power to inspire each other. His was a day when true politics was enlarged morality. His was a day—When the hearts of the people beat as one. "Aggression began the Revolution, necessity unsheltered the sword and victory returned it."

An act of congress made George Washington the commander of the American Army. He became our bulwark and our fortress.

He took upon his shoulders, in the possible and very probable case of disaster and ruin, our ignominy and punishment. His great honest and self sacrificing nature his spotless character and true nobility inspired his countrymen with the best and first sentiments of their own nature. How glorious it is to recall the eventful history and hear the inspired voice of James Otis sound the key note of resistance when he says, "I will resist to the hour of death such injustice." To hear the call to arms of Patrick Henry when he says, "Our brothers of the North are already in the field as for me—Give me liberty or give me death." I have it handed down to me by word of mouth from my forefathers who were Virginians and I believe it was the truth and I here record it that when Patrick Henry made

that speech (one of the seven greatest of oratorical achievement there radiated from his head sparks of moving light. Let irreverent people jeer at this, let them jeer at the infant lips of George Washington when he said, "I cannot speak a lie" but they are truths that children can understand.

To speak as these men spoke was to defy their mother country and thereby read their own hearts and it meant apparently nothing less than death but their words had to come. Each and every one lived up to the best in their nature and if it was only one deed one hour or one day they served their makers purpose and their Country's need, let us be charitable to all and remember them with love for the good they did do—even that hero of Saratoga who so gallantly rode the black horse times unnumbered through the black jaws of death and yelled from the top of the steeps to his General below "Saratoga is saved." How glorious to hear the voice of Webster exclaim "Give me a country, at least the hope of a country, and that a Free country."

It remained to George Washington to combine all the separate virtues into one and present to the world a character which was above political temptation, a character which was a blessing to humanity and mutely declared to the world it is better to be a man than a king. It was then that the starry eyed goddess of Democracy was born and the Republican form of Government arose above the battle smoke of the valleys and the mountains and the clear starry heavens declared the brotherhood of man. The words of Henry Lee declare of Washington, "The first in war the first in peace and the first in the hearts of his Countrymen." I repeat there has never been a time that it was not good for us to remember George Washington and there never has been a time when we need his example and advice more than to day. War enveloped Europe in front of us, war enveloped Canada above us, war enveloped Mexico south of us; this is assuredly a time when trivials should be forgotten and we should let this be a day when the hearts of all the people beat as one.

Sallie Lytle Hatton.

Discusses Prohibition

Knoxfork, Ky.

February 12, 1916

To the readers of the Advocate:

The editor has requested a general discussion through the columns of our paper, of the liquor traffic with reference to state-wide prohibition, and if my few remarks are printable I will say that I am not the least bit embarrassed to stand upon, not only state-wide, but national prohibition.

Not that I am condemning the "county-unit"; no sir, far from it, but a child has to crawl before it can walk. So we must let that be our first step toward something better, and while the county unit bill was a great stride toward eliminating this great curse yet we must not sit down and say all is done, but let us strive to get our legislators to pass an act, submitting to the people the question of State-wide prohibition.

I do not see what argument those who advocate the manufacture and sale of intoxicants can bring to their defense, for it seems to me a very one sided question.

Some of those on the other side say that it is the medical properties that makes it useful, but NO, the medical fraternities and societies of the United States have marked alcohol and whiskey off their list as medicine claiming that it has no medical value whatever.

Also some people say that we should keep the "booze" with us, because of the revenues it pays to the State. Well let's see about that. Figures show that the cost of keeping our prisons, asylums, and criminal institutions, together with criminal prosecutions of the courts, \$1,500,000 each year. And great judges and jurists say that at least 80 per cent of the crimes, insanity and pauperism can be traced to the "liquor traffic". If that be true, it can be readily seen that to take 80 per cent of \$1,500,000 would equal to \$1,200,000 extra expense incurred to the State. And as the whiskey and liquor revenue from all sources is only \$600,000 I fail to see where the revenue is that would be on the credit side of the State treasury.

The saloon men say that State prohibition will not eradicate all illicit distilling and moonshining; neither does sending a person to the gallows or electric chair prohibit an occasional murder being committed. Yet we do know that State wide prohibition would reduce all lawlessness to a minimum, and our executive officials would have more time and could more easily locate, all blind tigers and bootleggers.

It has been said that 6 per cent interest on the forty million dollars booze bill of Kentucky would in one year pay off the State indebtedness.

Marion Hughes, the author, said he believed that Hell was divided into departments commencing at the top and running down, a man who had committed a few little sins would be in the top row, and men a little worse would be one section lower, and murderers were [very] deep down according to his theory. And if that be true, I believe that the men who manufacture and sell alcohol and whiskey are the deepest in Torment.

First look at the happy homes he has broken up, the widows and orphans has caused the poverty that he has been the instigator of and the crimes and mur-

ders he has been responsible for. I charge that to him, that puts him away down.

Then look at the women and young girls that he directly and indirectly causes to wander away into wickedness. I charge that to him, that puts him farther down.

Then look at the young men that go away into all kinds of wickedness, and become gamblers, outcasts, and criminals, I charge that to him so that puts him deeper.

Then look at the sorrows, that the grief-stricken mothers and wives have worried over, and the drunkards graves that have been dug, and alas! the souls that have been lost. So I charge that to him, so down deeper he goes.

Now for the present I will stop and ask you to figure on it when you have a day off and see if I haven't left him too near the top. But I believe before you get through that you will have these "liquor men" deeper in the infernal regions than a pigeon could fly in six weeks or farther than the distance from the earth to the moon.

Respectfully Ewell V. Osborn.

Another Good Citizen

Gone to Rest

Last Sunday Mr. John Thomas Parrott, one of the county's best citizens died at his home, on Parrott Branch, about four miles north of Barbourville, with a complication of diseases. Mr. Parrott was 71 years old and had been married twice his first marriage to Susan Witt, to them were born five sons and one daughter. The last marriage was to Huida Jackson, and this union were born three daughters and one son. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a servant to the brethren of his church, a true friend to all he knew and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The family has our deepest sympathy in this, their sad and irreparable loss.

Knox and Clay Counties May Compose Thirty-Fourth Judicial District

Hon. Reuben Hutchcraft, Jr., of Bourbon county, on Tuesday introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to create a new Judicial District composed of the counties of Breathitt and Wolfe. The new districts will be as follows:

Fourteenth—Franklin, Scott and Woodford.

Twenty-Third—Lee, Estill, Powell and Jackson.

Twenty-Fifth—Bourbon, Clark Madison and Jessamine.

Twenty-Seventh—Laurel, Whitley and McCreary.

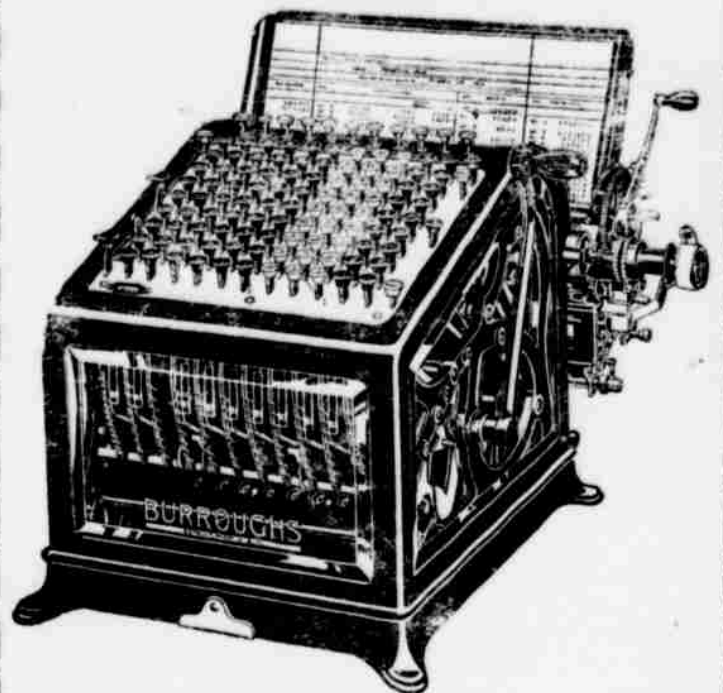
Thirty-Fourth—Knox and Clay.

The Governor is authorized to appoint a Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney in the new Thirty-Sixth, but the other Judges and Prosecutors are not affected by the bill.

Real Estate Transfers

Perry V. Cole, of Pee Vee, Harlan county, was here the first of the week and completed a deal disposing of his handsome residence on High street. Mrs. Minnie Riddell, the former owner, was the purchaser, and will open a first-class hotel about the first of April. S. N. Miller purchased Mrs. Riddell's property on River street. Mr. Cole will make his home in Harlan county where he is interested in some large coal operations.

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It will be worth your time to come in and see it operate. Mr. Perkins will take pleasure in showing you how it operates.

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Bring in here and see this MORE THAN HUMAN MACHINE open an account with you. We will keep your money safe and always have it ready for you when you call for it. By putting your money with us you avoid all risks, and if left on TIME DEPOSIT we DIVIDE OUR PROFITS WITH YOU, paying 3 % interest on same.

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Court at Williamsburg Monday. Judge Sampson Almost Continually on the Job as Judge of this District

This week completes a twelve days session of Circuit Court at Whitley City, McCreary County, and court will convene at Williamsburg next Monday. At the close of our court here in Knox County, February 5th, Judge Sampson went on the Monday following and convened court in McCreary County for a two weeks term, finishing his court there this week.

The docket of each of his courts is being rapidly cleared up.

There are no important murder cases as of former days, and very few felony charges to try. The Judge with the assistance of our able and fearless Commonwealth's Attorney, with the assistance also of a good County Attorney in each of the Counties of the District is gradually but surely reducing the number of petit crimes and misdemeanors. Judge Sampson is a terror to law violators, yet as everyone knows, who has been in his courts, he is just as vigilant to see that the innocent man escapes punishment as he is to have the guilty pay the penalty.

This clearing the docket is a great advantage to the whole people, not only in the getting rid of so much crime and lawlessness which has been so common, and the lessening of which results in a great moral uplift to the community, this affords also more time in the courts for the trial and disposition of civil suits. The people who have cases in court are entitled to have them tried.

LODGE NOTICES

On Saturday the 26th, Barbourville, Chapter No. 137 will meet to confer the degrees on a class of six, and all Royal Arch Masons are requested to come and assist in the work. We will also have with us on that day the Grand High Priest, who will deliver a lecture. At night we will have some refreshments of some kind, come out and see.

W. H. McDonald, H. P.
W. W. Tinsley, Secy.

On Monday 28, Mountain Lodge No. 187, will meet in regular communication, we will have work in most all the degrees, and Grand Secretary, Dave Jackson will be with us. Come out, and bring any and all visiting brothers that you may find.